



## Gerald "Jerry" F. Bertrand

October 2, 1940 - January 31, 2024

Gerald "Jerry" F. Bertrand, age 83, of Kankakee left his Earthly home and went into his Heavenly home on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. He was born October 2, 1940 and raised in Reddick on farms throughout the Kankakee area.

Jerry spent his life working in Steel Mills and as a Bricklayer throughout the area. Along with his wife, he enjoyed many camping trips, many different tours, and visited Las Vegas many times to watch the World Bull-Riding Championships. And lately, he had enjoyed relaxing on the couch watching Indy Car races and all forms of NASCAR races.

Jerry loved animals, particularly horses. But, he also shared his life with many other animals. Many dogs have had the pleasure of his lap and he is survived by our latest dog, Sophie. He will be greatly missed. But, he is home and at peace.

Surviving are his wife and soulmate, Nancy Bertrand of Kankakee; three sons, Kenny Bertrand and Terry Bertrand, both of AZ, and Tim (Vickie) Bertrand of Kankakee; one stepdaughter, Jennifer (Joe) Graveline of Kankakee; three granddaughters, Savana Bertrand of AZ, Bethany (Jeremy) Gates of Bradley and Brooke Graveline (Anthony Nocera) of Oak Park; one grandson, Rylan Bultman of Chebanse; two great-granddaughters, Anelaina Bertrand of AZ and Ayana Gates of Bradley; and two great-grandsons, Kaiden Gates and Alexei Gates; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ted & Dinah LaFaber of Bourbonnais; two nieces, Tina (Mark) Bowers of St. Anne and Dawn (Brian)

Jett of Kankakee; and two nephews, Marc LaFaber of Bourbonnais and Eric LaFaber (Kori Malone) of Wilmington. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Roman & Cecile Bertrand; one sister and brother-in-law, Diane & Jack LaFond; stepson, Daniel Bultman; and one niece, Amy LaFond.

Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until the time of the 3 p.m. funeral service on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to Boys Town or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry and Nancy lived across the road from my wife, I and our young boys out on the river south of Aroma Park in 1989-90. We loved to visit them and fish in their pond. A fabulous couple that treated everyone as their best friend. God Bless your family as you cherish his memory.

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**Steve Schultz** - February 03, 2024 at 09:32 PM

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“ Sending Condolences!  
Jim & Mary Kay Beedle

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**Mary Kay Beedle** - February 02, 2024 at 12:45 AM

ER

“ Met Tim's Dad many years ago great man Heartfelt Prayers From the Tetter Family...

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**EricTetter** - February 02, 2024 at 12:23 AM

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“ Jerry and Nancy welcomed us to their home on the river. It was was such a beautiful and peaceful place to be...Rest in peace Jerry.

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**betty franks** - February 01, 2024 at 05:47 PM